BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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Against:

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Respondent.

In the Matter of Charges and Complaint

ROSA ANGELICA BELLOTA ROJAS, M.D.,

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDIAL EXAMINERS By:

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Donald K. White, Senior Deputy General Counsel and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that Anuranjan Bist, M.D. (Respondent) violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

- 1. Respondent was at all times relative to this Complaint a medical doctor holding an active license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada (License No. 11918). Respondent was originally licensed by the Board on July 1, 2006.
 - 2. Patient A^2 was a seven (7) year-old female at the time of the events at issue.
 - 3. Patient B^3 was a ten (10) year-old female at the time of the events at issue.
- 4. Respondent practiced medicine at the Mind Brain Institute (MBI) in Las Vegas, Nevada along with a second physician and a physician assistant. Respondent was the contracted

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The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal Complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Victor M. Muro, M.D., Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D, FACC, and Ms. Pamela Beal.

² Patient A's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

³ Patient B's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

- 5. On April 9, 2021, August 27, 2021, and October 22, 2021, the physician assistant, who was subject to the supervisory contract with Respondent, wrote prescriptions for a controlled substance for Patient A and for Patient B. Patient A and Patient B's parent was present at these visits, but the minor children were not present.
- 6. Though Patient A and Patient B were established with MBI's practice, they had never been properly examined by the Respondent nor the prescribing physician assistant. Additionally, a Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) report from the Nevada Board of Pharmacy was not requested nor reviewed requested for either Patient A nor Patient B before the physician assistant wrote the prescriptions for Ritalin, a schedule II controlled substance for both Patient A and Patient B.

COUNT I

NRS 630.301(4) - Malpractice

- 1. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. NRS 630.301(4) provides that malpractice of a physician is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 3. NAC 630.040 defines malpractice as "the failure of a physician, in treating a patient, to use the reasonable care, skill, or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances."
- 4. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent failed to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances when rendering medical services to Patient A and Patient B, when Respondent failed to properly supervise the physician assistant, the agent of Respondent pursuant to NAC 630.375.

⁴ NAC 630.375 provides in part that, 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a physician assistant is considered to be and is deemed the agent of his or her supervising physician in the performance of all medical activities.

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5. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT II

NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) - Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the **Nevada State Board of Pharmacy**

- All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference 7. as though fully set forth herein.
- Respondent is a practitioner as defined by NRS 639.0125(1), as a physician, who 8. holds a license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada.
- NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) provides that engaging in conduct that violates a provision 9. of chapter 639 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- NRS 639.23911(1)(a) states that a practitioner must have established a bona fide 10. relationship with a patient as defined in NRS 639.235 before prescribing controlled substances.
- NRS 639.235(4) describes a bona fide relationship between the patient and the 11. person prescribing the controlled substance shall be deemed to exist if the patient was examined in person, electronically, telephonically or by fiber optics, within or outside this State or the United States by the person prescribing the controlled substances within the six (6) months immediately preceding the date the prescription was issued.
- Respondent was the Primary Supervisor for the physician assistant at the time 12. under the Agreement dated June 29, 2020, which ended July 8, 2022.
- The physician assistant under the direction and as an agent of Respondent pursuant 13. to NAC 630.375, did not have, nor did he establish, a bona fide patient relationship with Patient A and Patient B before prescribing them schedule II controlled substances.
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as 14. provided in NRS 630.352.

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COUNT III

NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) - Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the **Nevada State Board of Pharmacy**

- 1. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- Respondent is a practitioner as defined by NRS 639.0125(1), as a physician, who 2. holds a license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada.
- 3. NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) provides that engaging in conduct that violates a provision of chapter 639 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- NRS 639.23507(1) requires a practitioner, before issuing an initial prescription for 4. a controlled substance listed in schedule II and at least once every ninety (90) days thereafter for the duration of the course of treatment using the controlled substance, obtain a patient utilization report (PMP) regarding the patient from the computerized program established by the Board and the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety.
- Respondent was the Primary Supervisor for the physician assistant at the time 5. under the Agreement dated June 29, 2020, and ended July 8, 2022.
- The physician assistant under the direction of and as an agent of Respondent 6. pursuant to NAC 630.375, did not obtain or review a PMP for Patient A or Patient B before prescribing them schedule II controlled substances.
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as 7. provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT IV

NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) - Failure to Adequately Supervise

- All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by 15. reference as though fully set forth herein.
- Violation of a standard of practice adopted by the Board is grounds for disciplinary 16. action pursuant to NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2).

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17.	Pursuant to NAC 630.230 it is prohibited professional conduct for a physician to
fail to provide	adequate supervision of a physician assistant.

- Respondent violated NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) by failing to provide the supervision as 18. required by NAC 630.230(1)(i). The physician assistant under the supervisory agreement with Respondent failed to establish a bona fide patient relationship with Patient A and Patient B and did not obtain or review a PMP for either Patient A or Patient B before prescribing a schedule II controlled substance to both of them.
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as 19. provided in NRS 630.352.

WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give 1. him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early 2. Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it determines there has been 3. a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;
- That the Board award fees and costs for the investigation and prosecution of this 4. case as outlined in NRS 622.400;
- That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, 5. conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and

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6. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this <u>22</u> day of November, 2023.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

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VERIFICATION

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Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D, FACC, having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

DATED this day of November, 2023.

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INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEXADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

CHOWDHURY H. AHSAN, M.D., PH.D, FACC Chairman of the Investigative Committee

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